

Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Travel to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Jakarta

Press Statement
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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will travel to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Singapore, Singapore; and Jakarta, Indonesia August 1-5.

In Kuala Lumpur, August 2-3, the Secretary will meet senior Malaysian officials to discuss strengthening the Comprehensive Partnership and advancing common security and economic interests based on our strongly shared democratic values, following the recent historic and peaceful government transition in Malaysia.

The Secretary's participation in annual ASEAN-centered ministerial meetings while in Singapore August 3-4 supports the United States' vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific. At the ASEAN Regional Forum, the East Asia Summit Ministerial, the U.S.-ASEAN Ministerial, and the Lower Mekong Initiative Ministerial, he will engage his fellow foreign ministers on the region's most pressing security challenges, promote the rules-based order, reinforce our commitment to partnerships in the lower Mekong region, and reaffirm U.S. dedication to ASEAN and our friends and allies in the region. The Secretary will discuss our shared commitment to the final, fully verified denuclearization of the DPRK, upholding the rule-based order in the South China Sea, and countering terrorism. The Secretary will also meet with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee and Foreign Minister Balakrishnan to reaffirm our enduring bilateral relationship, sign a renewal of our Third Country Training Program which builds capacity across Southeast Asia, and support Singapore's significant role as current chair of ASEAN.

In Jakarta, August 4-5, the Secretary's visit will reinforce the U.S.-Indonesia Strategic Partnership as we look ahead to celebrating 70 years of bilateral diplomatic relations in 2019. The Secretary will discuss advancing our shared security and bilateral trade and investment goals, affirm ASEAN centrality, and highlight Indonesia's leadership in realizing a free and open

Indo-Pacific.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call with Turkish Foreign Minister Cavusoglu

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke today with Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu to discuss the case of Pastor Andrew Brunson. The Secretary □and Foreign Minister committed to continued discussions to resolve the matter and address other issues of common concern.

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Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting with Republic of Korea Vice Foreign Minister Cho Hyun

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Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met today with Republic of Korea (R.O.K.) Vice Foreign Minister Cho Hyun at the Department of State, on the margins of the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom. Deputy Secretary Sullivan and Vice Foreign Minister Cho discussed the enduring strength of the U.S.-R.O.K. Alliance, which remains the linchpin of peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and across the Indo-Pacific region. The Deputy Secretary and Vice Foreign Minister also reaffirmed close cooperation on achieving the final, fully verified denuclearization of the D.P.R.K., as agreed to by Chairman Kim in Singapore.

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Press Releases: Department of State Antiterrorism Assistance Program Graduates First All-Female Iraqi

Police Class

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On July 26, the Department of State's Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) program graduated its first class of all-female Iraqi law enforcement officers at a training facility in Jordan.

U.S. representatives from U.S. Embassy Amman and Embassy Baghdad joined Jordanian and Iraqi officials at the graduation of 20 Iraqi police women at the Jordanian Public Security Department's Princess Basma Institute for Training Police Women.

The police officers, all from the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior police units, were trained in terrorist crime scene investigation techniques taught by ATA trainers with the Diplomatic Security Service.

The officers will return to their units in Iraq, where they will apply their new skills to investigate terrorist attacks and related incidents. They will join the nearly 11,000 other women police officers who make up the 500,000-strong Iraqi police forces.

About the Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) Program

Established in 1983, the Department of State's Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) program is the U.S. Government's premier counterterrorism training and equipment provider for foreign law enforcement agencies. All ATA assistance is delivered within a rule-of-law framework that promotes respect for human rights and fosters development of a self-sustaining capability through best practices such as embedded mentors and train-the-trainer programs.

ATA receives funding and policy guidance from the Bureau of Counterterrorism and is administered by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and its Diplomatic Security Service.

Through ATA, DSS personnel build the critical counterterrorism capabilities of law enforcement partners abroad with both knowledge-enhancing training courses and tactical skills development to detect, deter, and disrupt terrorist activities. With its cutting-edge curriculum and equipment grants,

the ATA program continues to contribute greatly to the security of our nation, our partners worldwide, and overall international peace and stability.

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Press Releases: US-Japan-ROK Experts Meeting on Cybersecurity

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On July 27, 2018, the United States hosted a trilateral cyber experts meeting with Japan and the Republic of Korea on cybersecurity in Washington, DC. The three countries reaffirmed their commitment to promoting an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure Internet. They also committed to advancing trilateral cooperation to enhance international cyber stability, deter malicious activities in cyberspace, and counter cyber threats, including from state actors. Participants also discussed cybersecurity of the 2018 and 2020 Olympics, capacity building efforts, and regional cyber policy coordination. The meeting builds on President Trump's, Prime Minister Abe's, and President Moon's commitment to enhance cyber cooperation.

The U.S. delegation included representatives from the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Justice, and Commerce.

To learn more about the Department of State's cyber policy efforts, please follow us on Twitter @State_Cyber. For press inquiries, please contact SCCI_Press@state.gov.

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